

### IN THE CLAIMS

1 (Currently Amended). A writing aid for helping to steady a hand of an individual to allow the individual to write in a more steady manner comprising:

a writing pad wherein the writing pad has a magnetic layer; and

a writing instrument, wherein the writing instrument has at least one magnet coupled to a bottom section of the writing instrument, a magnetic attraction between the magnet and the magnetic layer steadying the hand of the individual using the writing aid, the writing instrument being adjustable so the individual can adjust a length of a writing tip of the writing instrument that is deployed to adjust the magnetic attraction between the magnet at the bottom section of the writing instrument and the magnetic layer, wherein the writing instrument comprises:

a top body section; and

a lower body section wherein the top body section and the lower body section are rotatably coupled together;

wherein the top body section and the lower body section both have a channeling for housing a writing cartridge, the length of the writing tip that is deployed being adjustable by rotating the lower body section.

2 (Original). A writing aid for helping to steady a hand of an individual in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the writing pad further comprises a non slick pad coupled to a bottom surface of the magnetic layer for preventing the writing pad from moving when the writing aid is being used.

3 (Original). A writing aid for helping to steady a hand of an individual in accordance with Claim 1 wherein the writing pad further comprises a cover coupled to a top surface of the magnetic layer for lessening the magnetic pull of the magnetic layer and for protecting the magnetic layer from being damaged.

4 (Original). A writing aid for helping to steady a hand of an individual in accordance with Claim 3 further comprising an attachment device coupled to the cover for holding a piece of paper on the writing pad.

5 (Cancelled).

6 (Currently Amended). A writing aid for helping to steady a hand of an individual in accordance with Claim 5 1 wherein the lower body section further comprises an angled bottom surface formed on a bottom section of the lower body section, the magnet being coupled to the angled bottom surface, the angled bottom surface formed so the writing instrument is at an approximately 45° ~~angle~~ angle when the angled bottom surface is flush with the writing pad.

7 (Currently Amended). A writing aid for helping to steady a hand of an individual in accordance with Claim 5 1 wherein the top body section has a clip for securing the writing instrument to an object.

8 (Currently Amended). A writing aid for helping to steady a hand of an individual in accordance with Claim 5 1 wherein the top body section has a push mechanism for deploying and retracting the writing tip of the writing cartridge.

9 (Currently Amended). A writing aid for helping to steady a hand of an individual to allow the individual to write in a more steady manner comprising:

a writing pad wherein the writing pad comprises:

a magnetic layer;

a non slick pad coupled to a bottom surface of the magnetic layer for preventing the writing pad from moving when the writing aid is being used; and

a cover coupled to a top surface of the magnetic layer for lessening the magnetic pull of the magnetic layer and for protecting the magnetic layer from being damaged; and

a writing instrument, wherein the writing instrument has at least one magnet coupled to a bottom section of the writing instrument, a magnetic attraction between the magnet and the magnetic layer steadying the hand of the individual using the writing aid, the writing instrument being adjustable so the individual can adjust a length of a writing tip of the writing instrument that is deployed to adjust the magnetic attraction between the magnet at the bottom section of the writing instrument and the magnetic layer, wherein the writing instrument comprises:

a top body section;

a lower body section wherein the top body section and the lower body section are rotatably coupled together; and

an angled bottom surface formed on a bottom section of the lower body section, the magnet being coupled to the angled bottom surface, the angled bottom surface formed so the writing

instrument is at an approximately  $45^\circ$  ~~angle~~ angle when the angled bottom surface is flush with the writing pad;

wherein the top body section and the lower body section both have a channeling for housing a writing cartridge, the length of the writing tip that is deployed being adjustable by rotating the lower body section.

10 (Original). A writing aid for helping to steady a hand of an individual in accordance with Claim 9 further comprising an attachment device coupled to the cover for holding a piece of paper on the writing pad.

11 (Original). A writing aid for helping to steady a hand of an individual in accordance with Claim 9 wherein the top body section has a clip for securing the writing instrument to an object.

12 (Original). A writing aid for helping to steady a hand of an individual in accordance with Claim 9 wherein the top body section has a push mechanism for deploying and retracting the writing tip of the writing cartridge.